

FARM PROJECT/ SCHOOL AND NATURAL MEDICINE PROJECT
AT THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE –
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Project mission statement: Dissemination and empowering the orphans and vulnerable children (ovcs) with agricultural skills and knowledge which will bring about development of entrepreneurial abilities among them.

Project vision: Ensuring that there is a remarkable improvement in house hold/village food production, health standards, house hold incomes and modern farming practices by year 2010 with the community.

Project broad objective:

1. To ensure that the orphan and vulnerable children attain sustainability in form of
 - Food security
 - Income security
 - Acquisition of sustainable agricultural practices and skills
 - Lobbying and advocating for themselves

Project justification: We have the targeted the neediest of the needy population in this locality i.e. the orphans, disabled and the un privileged children among others.

Farm project/ school project background.

The farm project/ school project is located at The Pearl of Africa Children's Village, Kyanamukaaka sub county Masaka District. The idea of the farm school project was introduced over 10 years ago by Molly and Paul Organization founders, basing on the increasing number of orphans and the disadvantaged children in the community.

As far as the farm/project school project is concerned, the nature of the land is gently sloping and swampy at the bottom of the land. The soils are not too fertile but can be improved with organic fertilizers and manure application. We do receive rains twice a year, early and late in the year, so there is a lot of irrigation done on the crop fields and this is made possible with the drilled shallow well, water is pumped using a generator to a 500 litre water tank.

There are many people in the project area and their socio-economic activity is farming which requires the sustainable agricultural practices and techniques. These includes soil fertility improvement, integration of plants and livestock, nutrient recycling, agro forestry, livestock improvement, feeds and feeding, pre and post harvest handling and so many others.

The orphans and disadvantaged children will benefit from the project by acquiring knowledge and skills of sustainable agriculture theoretically and practically which will enable them to improve on nutrition, attain income generating activities and improve on livelihood status at house hold levels.

The community will benefit also from this project in the way that the trainees through the extension programs they will be carrying out sensitization and trainings on modern and organic farming techniques and methods and in this way the community will benefit directly from this project.